# A Commemorative ₹1 Coin

## A Glimpse into india’s History and Family Heritage

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) – Mini Project : Digital Archive

Documentation of the object

The object selected for this Digital Archive is an old Indian ₹1 coin from my family collection. The coin is a small metal currency object that carries the value “1 RUPEE” and the year “1989”. One side shows a portrait of Jawaharlal Nehru with the name written around the portrait, while the other side carries the Indian national emblem along with the denomination. The coin has a circular shape, a silver-grey appearance, and a patterned edge. Its exact weight and dimensions have not been measured for this documentation.

According to my family, the coin was with my father around 1990. It has therefore remained connected with my family for many years. I do not know the exact place from where my father obtained it, but it was kept safely as an old coin rather than being treated as an ordinary piece of currency. At present, the coin is generally kept in a drawer at home.

Documentation of the object

The main significance of this object is its connection with an earlier period of Indian currency and with a well-known figure represented on the coin. It also shows how coins can preserve information through portraits, written words, dates, denominations, and national symbols. From an Indian Knowledge Systems perspective, such an object can be viewed as a small piece of material heritage. Studying and preserving objects from everyday life helps us understand how people used, stored, and remembered objects from earlier generations.

My family chose to preserve this coin mainly because it is an old coin and has remained with us for a long time. Although it is not used for regular payment today, it has value as a family memory and as a physical reminder of India's monetary past. I would like to preserve the coin carefully in the future so that it can continue to be kept as part of our family collection and can also be shown to younger family members as an example of an older Indian coin.

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